LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 12 .- [Special to THE BER |- The second annual convention of the State League of Loan and Building Associations met at the Lincoln hotel today, the following local associations being represented:

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Omaha Loan and Building association by
W. S. Wright, E. E. Brysen and Guy B. C. Reed.
Mutual Land and Building association of
Omaha by L. G. Rodes and Julius Kessler.
Nebraska Loan and Building association of
Omaha by Fred J. Borthwick and J. H. Butler.
Ainsworth Building and Loan association by
J. M. Kingery.
Equitable Building and Loan association of
Grand Island by C. W. Brininger.
Schuyler Building and Loan association of
Echnyler by C. J. Phelps.
Livingston Loan and Building association of
Plattsmouth by William Weber and H. R.
Gering.

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Stromsburg Mutual Building and Loan association by Alex Scott.
Equitable Building and Loan association of Fremont by Arthur Truesdale.
Conservative Building and Loan association of Origha by John F. Fisch and G. M. Nattunger.

After the usual preliminary business had been transacted, President T. J. Fitzmorris of Omaha read an address, pointing out the bbstacles mutual associations contend with. He referred to their strength and perma-hency, as demonstrated during the financial tringency, none having failed or suffered from serious runs. This he regarded as evidence of the solid foundation upon which they rest. With regard to the condition of building and lean associations in Nebraska and the enforcement of the state law, the

Under the Nebraska Law.

"There are now in Nebraska about eightyfive associations. On the first of the present year associations reporting to the State
Banking department showed assets
aggregating \$3,000,000. It may fairly
be claimed that of this sum 50
per cent represents savings that would have
been lost were it not for the lessons in thrift
inculcated by mutual associations, and at
least 90 per cent of the total is employed in
the procurement of homes.

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"We need not elaborate here on the possibuities of mutual associations in the upbuilding of Nebraska. That may be measured by the past. But we have a right to Insist that co-operative principles sanctioned by law shall not be employed as a cleak for fraud and talse pretense. We have a right to protest against a partial mulification of the state law to accommodate financial adventurers. We had reason for congratula tion last January, when the State Banking Board rejected the applications of foreign associations for authority to do business in Nebraska. We rejoiced not because mutual associations had anything to fear from such competition, but because it was an emphatic notice that deception and fetid financiering was not to be sanctioned by Nebraska law. It was a proclamation of protection to wage earners against skin games masked under vociferous titles. I regret to say that the hopes founded on that action have not been fully realized. Indeed, we are confronted by conditions like those existing a year ago. Certificates of authority to do business in the state have been granted associations whose methods strike at the very heart of honesty, and whose fraudulent features have received official approval."

Criticised a Rolling.

The president referred to the fact that the state board authorized the issuance of paid up stock and the collection of separate expense funds. While associations differ in re-gard to the wisdom of the former, he con-tended that the state law did not contemplate more than one class of stockholders, and cited two decisions to that effect made by the board. Paid up stock is prohibited in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. "Assuming," said the speaker, "that the state law justifies the board's interpretation,

there is no section or sentence of the law authorizing the granting of unjust privileges to paid up stockholders. On the contrary the law contemplates and provides that all stockholders shall be on an equity, sharing pro rata in the profits or losses. Any other construction than that of equity vitiates the law. Yet the board has approved a system which semi-annual profits to the holders of up stock, while those paying in monthly installments receive no share of the profits during the first two years. The manifest purpose of this system is to enable the managers to unload their surplus money in paid up stock, loan it to borrowing members and escape the penalty of usury under the false pretense of operating under the building and loan law.

"The collection of a separate expense fund which the board has authorized is the most audacious swindle sanctioned by law. The action is as inexplicable as it is amazprivilege has been denied another national association within the present year. The managers fully appreciate the value of that for it puts in their pockets 10 cents out of every 60 cents paid on each share per month. It means that the managers may legally pocket in per cent of the total monthly payments. At the same time they graciously assure the victims that the expenses will not exceed that sum

Differs Unly in Degree.

"Last summer the State Banking Board was aroused by the growth of swindling bond companies and denounced them as frauds and lotteries. County attorneys were urged to begin criminal proceedings against them with a view to driving them from the state or into the penitentiary. Now the only difference between the bond companies and the National Building and Loan association I refer to is simply in the degree of the swindle. In the earlier years the bond companies have the advantage, but in the long on the National will distance their com-

Mutual associations have nothing to conceal in their expenses. The item is a part of their reports. But the National, while parading its promises, successfully conceals that which, by contrast, would expose its true character. It is provined in section 3 of its by-laws that the expense fund—17 per cent of the total monthly payments—shall constitute no part of the capital stock.'
That is to say, the expense fund, once col-lected, is not to form a part of the association's public business. It is a private snap, very conveniently omitted from its reports. There is an important advantage in this. The omission of the huge item of expense prevents a comparison with honest associa-tions and enables the fraudulent, by con-

"This important point was forcibly put in the report of the New York state banking department. 'Local associations,' says the report, 'are conducted on a basis of mini-mum expenses, as a rule there being only one salaried representative, all other repre-sentatives giving their labor without comsentatives giving their labor without co-pensation—the brotherly idea exemplifi pensation—the brotherly idea exemplified.
National associations are organized for perofit making to the promoters and managers and the expense account conceals a large source of revenue. Of course it does that is the African in the woodpile. The percentage of expense to receipts in the local association rarely exceeds 1 per cent; in na-tionals it ranges anywhere from 10 to 33 per cent. Counting in the initiation fee of \$1 per share the expenses of nationals in New York averaged 14 per cent of receipts in

Effects of Delusive Promises.

"In these concerns the rainbow of hope is held out in luminous colors to lure the vic-tim os. He is told that stock will mature im about' eighty-four payments—that is, a promise of \$100 for a total of \$50.40, made in monthly installments. Deducting the amount extracted for expenses, and we have a promise of a profit of \$53 on an investment of \$42 made in equal monthly payments covering a period of seven years, or 39 per cent per annum. The Iron Hall association inred \$60.000 victims on promises of a profit of per annum. The Iron Hall association lured 60,000 victims on promises of a profit of nearly \$700 to all who paid their assessments regularly during a period of seven years. The Iron Hall is not only dead, says the Journal of Indianapolis, the headquarters of the defunct organization, but its body is in an advanced stage of decomposition, and it will

NEBRASKA HOME BUILDERS die ten years for the victors of the swin die to forget the iron in their souls.

"I have no reason to doubt that even with 17 per cent taken for exponses the consern can made good its claim of 23 per cent profit. We have hid as many examples of halloon financiering recently that I am loath to question the veracity of any up-to-date Napoleon. We have read within thirty days of a system of fatism by which \$20 was converted into \$1.000. But the system proved too rapid for the age and Uncle Sam clapped the chief converter in juil for eleven months. "Some claim the remedy is in the passage of a comprehensive hav covering the many points now open to national methods. Of what avail would that be when the present law, clear and liberal as it is is grossly perverted. I believe the time has come for an indignant protest against the manner in

CH WESTERDAY DREET

indignant protest against the manner in which the business of this branch of the bubile service is conducted. In other states the building and ioan bureaus are conducted in an orderly, systematic manner. When any question is interpreted by the law officer it becomes a part of the records of the office. Minutes of the proceedings of the boards are matters of record. So are the rulings. This is not the case in the Nebraska board. Constitutions of some associbrasks board. Constitutions of some associ-ations are not on file as required by law. Certificates have been granted without a formal meeting of the board, no adequate record is made of decisions on contested questions, and the rulings of one day way be overturned in the next. Confusion and in-consistency marks the business of the board. The result is that the administration of the law has degenerated into a favor."

law has degenerated into a farce." Secretary and Treasurer's Report.

The report of Secretary and Treasurer C. The report of Secretary and Treasurer C.
W. Brininger was then presented. He reported that at the last annual meeting the
league was composed of fifteen local associations. Since that time the membership
of the league had been increased by the admission of the Hebron association, making
the total membership at the present time
sixteen. Several other associations among sixteen. Several other associations, among them the Home Building and Loan associa-tion of Lincoln and the Equitable of Fremont have expressed their sympathy in the labors of the state league and their inten-tion of adding their names to the rolls of

membership.

Financially the league was in excellent shape, the receipts from all sources during the year having amounted to \$124 and the disbursements to \$105.70, leaving a balance on hand of \$17.30.

From the Executive Committee. The executive committee submitted the

The executive committee allomated the following report which was adopted:

Your executive committee reports that in obedience to instructions a meeting was held in Grand Island a few weeks after the last convention and the question of preparing and procuring the passage of amendments to the building and loan act of 1891 considered. The matter was considered in all its bearings and subsequently by correspondence. The conclusion was arrived at that owing to want of time it was inadvisable to urge any change in the law. Late in the session a measure was introduced in the legislature with the approval of your committee designed to prohibit the collection of separate expense funds. The measure failed.

Your instructions ordering the preparation of a model constitution and by-laws and the publication of the same for distribution could not be carried out owing to the very limited receipts. For similar reasons we were obliged to defer the application for membership in the United States League of Local Associations. following report which was adopted:

Vour committee respectfully recommends:
Your committee respectfully recommends:
First—That the matter of preparing a more
comprehensive law be considered by the executive committee early in 1894, with a view
to the preparation of a proper measure to the
legislature.
Second—That a committee be appointed to
confer with the State Banking Board with regard to its interpretation of the law.

T. J. Fitzmorris,
C. J. Prieder,
C. W. Brinninger.

Election of Officers.

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J. Fitzmorris of Omaha was unanimously
re-elected president of the league for the
ensuing year, but he stated that private
affairs would prevent his acceptance of the
office. Accordingly, C. J. Phelps of Schuyler
was elected. C. W. Brininger of Grand
Island was unanimously re-elected secretary
and treasurer, and the following vice presideuts elected: G. M. Nattinger of Omaha,
Arthur Truesdale of Fremont and J. M.
Kingsley of Alusworth.

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On motion of G. M. Nattinger, the entire delegation to the convention decided to visit the state house to confer with the members of the State Banking Board, with T. J. Fitzmorris as the chairman of the delegation.

President Phelps then assumed his new juties as president of the league. A vote of thanks was tendered to THE OMAHA BEE for the interest it had taken in the subjeco-operative home buildings and for its help in making the State league a success. A vote of thanks was also tendered to Secretary Brininger for his efficient work of the past year.

Matters of General Discussion.

Mr. G. M. Nattinger of Omaha read a carefully prepared address relating to the several methods of reaching a satisfactory pasis for the distribution of earnings. The address was very complete and was valuable to all officers of building and loan associa-A general discussion of matters connected

with the loan and building association work ensued. J. H. Butler, was has had much experience in the study of real estate values connection with building and loan asso ciation work, spoke at length upon real estate values. He laid especial stress upon the importance of associations having a fair margin above their real estate loans on ac count of the fluctuating value of real estate offered for securities. The discussion which followed was participated in by H. R. Gering, J. M. Kingery, T. J. Fitzmorris, G. M. Nattinger, F. J. Borthwait, Alex Scott, C. W. Brininger and others, after which the eague adjourned for the conference with the State Banking Board.

Promised an Overhauting.

A conference was held with the State Banking Board during the afternoon, Members of the league explained that white there was much to commend in the policy pursued by the board up to a recent period, they objected to the approval of schemes permitting the issuance of paid-up stock and the collection of separate expense funds. Members of the board expressed themselves freely, declaring they were anxious to further mutual building and loan associations, and would cheerfully rectify errors pointed out. With regard to the association complained of the board stated that the objectionable features were overlooked, owing to pressure of other duties and the inability of members to make an individual examination of constitutions and oy laws. The board indicated pretty clearly that there would be an overhauling of these

A pleasant incident occurred at the close of the convention. The retiring presipleasant incident occurred at the close dent was presented with a superb edition of the Contury dictionary, the pre-sentation speech being made by Mr. G. M. Nattinger of Omaha. The surprise of the recipient was enthusiastically drowned in a copious punch bowl.

To Improve the System. HASTINGS, Dec. 12 .- [Special to THE BEE. |-The city council at the regular meeting last

night decided to submit to the voters of the city at the next election a proposition to bond the city for \$10,000 to extend the mains of the city water system. For some time past the residents of the outlying portions of town have been clamoring for water and for fire protection. The discussion discloses that the city water works have been almost self-supporting and that the fire protection has been afforded the city at an almost

Some of the more hardy members of the Gun club went out to the fair grounds yesterday for the regular semi-monthly shoot, although the any was so cold that large scores were out of the question. Bedford Brown and R. A. Boyd tied on the shoot, with 24 each out of 30, but Boyd won on the saw-off, with 6 to Brown's 4.

Robbed a Farmer

MEARNEY, Dec. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Last night some one broke into the barn belonging to L S. Deets, three miles north of town, and stole all his best harness, ten horse collars and a lot of bridies, but did not molest any of his stock. He thinks they were taken by movers.

CAMPBELL, Neb., Dec. 13.—|Special Telegram to The Bes. |-C. E. Budlong's residence caught fire this morning. Prompt action of the people sived the house, but it was damaged about \$260; fully insured.

DeWitt's Witch Hazer Salve cures sores. DeWitt's Witch Hazer Salve cures ulcers.

ALLEGED BOODLERS AT EASE

Lancaster County's Attorney Will Not Further Presecute Asylum Suscents.

Did Not Think it Possible to Convict the Accused in View of the Results. of Previous Trials-Peculiari-

ties of the Exp anation.

LINCOLN, Dac. 12 .- [Special to THE BEE.] The state of Nebraska, by virtue of the authority vested in the county attorney of Lancaster county, has dropped the prosecution of the men who, for the past year have been resting under the charge of defrauding the state by presenting illegal claims for supplies contracted for, but never delivered. County Attorney Woodward has entered a nolle prosequi in the cases of J. Dan Lauer, Frank Hubbard, John Dorgan and W. D.

The action of the county attorney was something of a surprise, for it had been generally understood that after the recent petition signed by Joe Burnes and Ed Bignall and a few others had been drawn up, he would continue the presecution of the indicted men. N. Z. Snell, who has assisted the state in the prosecution, stated but a few days ago that the county attorney would not drop the cases. Consequently, there was a general expression of surprise when it was amounced this afternoon that the county attorney had dropped the cases and would permit the men to go free from

Explaining His Action.

That the county attorney has expected some adverse criticism upon his action is evidenced by the fact that he felt called upon to file with the court a document in which he set forth the reasons for his action at some length. In this document he declares at some length. In this document he declares that, after due consideration, he has reluctantly come to the conclusion that it will be impossible to secure a conviction of the men, who are charged with grave offenses, and that on that account he is loth to further prosecute them. He states further that he has been reliably informed that the prosecution has already cost the county more than \$18,000, and that he believes that it is the wish of the heaviest taxpayers in the county that no more money be expended in a hopethat no more money be expended in a hope-less endeavor to secure a conviction of the men. The prosecution, he avers, was placed at a disadvantage at the outset by the fact that the investigation by the Board of Public Lands and the trial of the Impeached state officials had put the indicted men in posses-sion of the state's case and of the evidence to be brought against them.

Defending the Jury.

The county attorney then proceeds to defend the juries that have already acquitted the accused upon their first trial by claiming for them that they were selected from every walk of life and that they were equal in in-telligence to the average jurymen; but the political coloring given the case by the at-torneys who represented the defense and the prejudices incidental to the trial made it impossible for the state to succeed in mak-ing its case against the men who were on

The county attorney states that he had received a petition signed by several hundred of the heaviest taxpayers in Lancaster county asking him to dismiss the case on the ground that it will be a waste of public money to continue the prosecution when there is not enough evidence to convict.

The county attorney also brings the news-

The county attorney also brings the news-papers to his aid oy alleging that the newspapers had freely commented upon the proposition to dismiss the cases and that, with one exception, the newspapers either endorsed the plan or by their silence lent a tacit consent. By this reference to the newspapers it is fair to conclude that the very able county attorney simply referred to the Lincoln newspapers. The facts are that the State Journal practically favored the dismissal, the Daily News denounced the proposition and the Call, while it was not as vigorous as the News, took grounds in favor of continuing the trial of the cases and also terms the acquittal of the men on the first trial. So that all the advice received by the county attorney of Lancaster county came from State Journal, and the fact that J. Dan Lauer is a brother-in-law of the man who runs that newspaper is sufficient to convince the public that its advice might possibly be tainted with prejudice.

fits Closing Apologies.

Finally the county attorney states that he believes the failure to convict in the first trials of the men under accusation will have a tendency to prejudice juries in the future cases and furnish them a precedent upon which to base a verdict of acquittal. In view of all these facts he feels constrained believe that it is his duty to enter a nolle prosequi in all the cases against the four deendants named.

Incidentally it may be remarked that the case against W. H. Dorgan, who is charged with embezzlement and with baving obtained money under false pretenses, has never yet been brought to trial. Mr. Dorgan has frequently boasted that he would not be tried. The same reasons which impel the county attorney to dismiss the cases against the four defendants already named will be equally good if he shall conclude to dismiss the case against W. H. Dorgan.

Alleged Violation of Law.

The excise board held a lengthy session today to consider charges made against Thomas Carr, or rather Mrs. Thomas Carr, who conducts a saloon on P street. Officers McDaniels, Mitchell and Elder had in-formed the board that on the night of Sunday, December 3, they had observed men inside of Carr's saloon and had witnessed Carr behind the bar pouring out liquor from a bottle. Carr was represented by Attorney Cornish, and he claimed that on the night in question no one had visited his place for the puspose of buying or drinking liquor that one or two of his own men had come down stairs that evening for the purpose of getting a pail of water or coal, and that he accompanied them in order to turn up the ights; that while behind the bar he out a giass of liquor and drank it himself

A similar complaint was preferred against Carr's place some time ago, but it was dropped after Mrs. Carr had signed an agreement to permit her place to be closed by the board in the event that any infraction of the rules of the excise board was presented against her. The board has taken the case under advisement.

Attorneys Got the Land,

The many woes of Deidrich Dierks were again ventilated in the district court today. Some months ago Dieric's wife commenced an action for a divorce and got it. She also wanted alimony and charged her ex-husband with naving transferred all his property over to his attorneys for the purpose of renting her from getting any portion of it. Today Dierks claimed to the court that he had not transferred his property to his attorneys through any attempt to defraud his wife, but that on the contrary he had signed some papers at the request of his attorneys. Messrs. Courtney and Oppenheimer, believ-ing that the papers were simple affidavits for the resistance of his wife's claims for alimony. He was afterward surprised to learn that he had deeded his property worth about \$4,000, to the two attorneys. He has commenced suit to recover the title to the property and asks the court to take this

Heard in the District Court.

Marion W. Craig filed affidavits today in the case in which his wife sues him for a divorce. He admits the fact that he married her, but denies that he has a wife in Arizona,

her, but denies that he has a wife in Arizona, as alleged in her petition.

Cora Helmer today commenced a counter suit for divorce against her husband, who had already filed a petition against her. She alleges that he has treated her with extreme cruelty and asks the court for a slice of an \$89,000 legacy, which has recently fallen to the foot of her husband.

The case of the State against Henry The case of the State against Henry Oliver, who is charged with having committed a felonious assault upon his brother-in-law, J. F. Lansing, has been settled out of court. It was to have been tried tomorrow. Judge Hali and a jury have been engaged all day with the case in which Sarah Coberly sues the Missouri Pacific for having killed her son in the yards at West Lincoln, June 7, 1892

Juige Strode today entered a judgment

for \$17,000 against the West Side Improvement company.

Something of a law Point.

The other day Fred Osberne, an 18 year-old boy convected of grand tareens, was sen-tenced to the reform school by Judge Tib-betts under the provision of the statute which gives the court discretion in sending a youthful culprit either to the reform school or to the penitentiary. It now develops that the officials of the reform school decline to WHY HE HAD THE CASES DISMISSED the officials of the reform school needing to receive Osborne on the ground that he is more than is years oid. Now an interesting point of law has been raised as to the right of the judge to change the sentence from im-prisonment in the reform school to imprison-ment in the penitentiary. The boy's mother wants him to go to the penitentiary, and in the meantime the judge is looking up the law upen the point. law upon the point.

> J. P. Clark, the switchman arrested last night for stealing an overcoat and several other articles of wearing apparel, was dis-charged by Judge Waters this morning simrause he was able to tell a smooth He stated with every appearance of stery. He stated with every appearance of candor that he had met an honest-looking man in the B. & M. yards who offered to sell him the goods for \$1. He bought the stuff, and with no effort to conceal the fact put on the clothes and wore them every day. Last

Saved by a Smooth Story.

evening Conductor Day saw him and recogrized the overcoat, which had been stolen from him. Clark willingly gave up the ciothing and rehearsed the story of his purchase from the honest-looking tramp. Day could not bring in the evidence to disprove the story and the man was discharged. His Pace Caused the Trouble.

Alfred H. Bates, the man who was jailed last Friday on suspicion of being a deadbeat, was released today. Now that the public has come to understand his case considerable indignation has been excited over the treatment extended him. He stopped at the Lincoln hotel and because of his resemblance to a portrait printed in a New York paper he was requested to pay his bill and he did so. Then he was arrested on the charge of drunkenness. He had \$72 when arrested. He gave \$57 to a couple of Lincoln lawyers and last evening was fined \$5.70 for grunkenness and then sent back to jail. Today he was released and thrown out of jail with hardly a cent in his pocket. An effort will be made to induce the lawyers who got his \$67 to refund the greater part

Alleged Burgiars Bound Over. John Cox and Joseph Wittman, the two men arrested for complicity in the robbery of the store of Mayor Bros., at Milcolm sev-eral weeks since, were given their prelimi-nary hearing before Justice Brown this after-

noon. The evidence was strong enough against them to warrant their being held to the district court. To Settle the Telephone Trouble.

At the meeting of the city council tonight ex-Attorney General J. R. Webster, who had been engaged to present a legal opinion as to the right of the city of Lincoln under its present charter to regulate the charges for the use of telephones, submitted his report. It was quite lengthy and went into every legal phase of the question. After citing a large number of precedents the attorney summed up his conclusions as follows: First, that the city has power to regulate

charges for telephone service within the city, though the question is not entirely free of doubt. Second, it is more doubtful if the city has power to regulate service charges to connections beyond the city boundaries or for service not entirely within the city. Third, if, in the opinion of the council, the rates for service ought to be regulated in order to protect the trade, commerce, manufactories or the city, then whatever doubt there may be respecting the municipal power should be resolved on the side of the city having such power, so that the question may be determined. No doubt private parties at their own charge, moved by zeal for the public interest, will test the question without expense to the city if such action is

taken that they may do so.

Hon. G. M. Lambertson has also been engaged to write an opinion upon the same question, but he has not as yet completed his report.

From the Police Court.

The police braved the inclemency of the weather last night long enough to raid a col-ored gambling joint. Seven "visitors" were apprehended and taken to the station. This morning they gave ball for their appearance

later.

Jack Warren made his appearance in police court this morning with a nosa consider. ably out of joint. He had met with some sort of a catastrophe and had come out of the encounter with the greater part of his physiognomy scarred like a topographical map of the Rocky mountains. He was also very drunk, but as he had enough money to pay his fare to Omaha he was released. Monte Dean, a young man, was brought up this morning, charged with having received the goods recently stolen from Lasch Bros. wagon. He was given \$10 and costs, and will board it out in the county jail.

BANK OF RUSHVILLE CLOSED.

President May Caused the State Banking

RUSHVILLE, Dec. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Bank of Rushville was closed this morning by the State Banking Board upon application of the president, W. L. May of Fremont. Until his death a few months ago H. A. Chamberlin was manager of the bank. December 8 Elmer Williams was appointed special administrator of Chamberlin's estate and December 9 commenced an action in the district court research. in the district court against Cora L. Chamberlin, Mrs. C. M. Barnett, Arthur L. Kinnev and Stevens & Welch of Illinois to recover property and money, resulting from life insurance carried by Chamberlin to the amount of \$30,000. The plaintiff in this action alleged that Chamberlin's indebted-

ness to the bank exceeded \$10,000. The fact of this suit having been com-menced caused a run which soon took all of the bank's available cash. Nothing can be earned yet of the bank's actual condition. but from a reliable source it is learned that it is solventa nd the depositors will be paid in full as soon as the assets can be converted

STATE GRANGE CONVENES.

Annual Meeting of the Organization at

Tekaman, Neb., Dec. 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-The annual meeting of the Nebraska State grange convened here today with a fair representation from all parts of the state. The citizens of Tekamah are taking a deep interest in the meeting and are sparing no pains and expense to make the delegates feel at home while here. The members will be in session for three days, during which time business of a national character will be transacted. To morrow evening the business men of the city will tender the delegates a banquet at the Merchants hotel. All the meetings are held with closed doors except Wednesday afternoon, when the general public is invited. Among the delegates are a number of prominent ladies.

Lyons News Notes. LYONS, Neb., Dec. 12 [Special to THE BEE |-Mrs. Eckleen, one of the oldest

settlers in this part of the state, was buried yesterday at 1 o'clock. She died of grip. The Adelphian quartet of Nebraska City gave a fine musical enter ainment Saturday evening at the Methodist church. The new Presbyterian church will be dedicated December 24. Two or three of the pastors of Omahs will assist in the

the pastors of Oman's will assist in the dedicatory service.

The Odd Fellows organized a Rebexah lodge here Friday evening. State Secretary I. P. Gage of Fremont was present to assist in the organization. Eighteen ladies and about thirty men joined the order.

- Rev. J. B. Priest of the Methodist church is conducting interesting ravival services at

Editor Warren of the Lyons Mirror has his history of Dakota county about ready to put on the market. The history contains about 400 pages. Knocked from Hts Wheel and Robbed. BEATRICE, Dec. 12.—[Special to THE BEE.]
-Yesterday afternoon Charles Walker, re-

siding in the eastern part of the city, started for a ride on his "bike." Some distance from town he was knocked from his wheel by a tramp and robbed of a small sum The Beatrice Daily Times heretofore has been issued as a seven-column folio. Hereafter it will be a six-column quarto. Walter Noel and W. L. Knotts continue as its editors

TRYING AKESON'S SLAYERS

Hill and Berwell Making a Desparate Fight

SEPARATE TRIALS FOR THE MURDERERS

Motion of Their Attorneys to Quash the Indictments Sat Aside and the Selecting of the Jury Commenced,

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Dec. 12 - Special Telegram to Tun Bun.]-The trial of Harry Hill and John Benwell for the murder of Farmer Akeson was resumed this morning and the attendance of today was, if any thing, greater than that of yesterday. The case was not called by Judge Chapman until almost 11 o'clock, and the attack of the counsel for the defendants on the information was first considered. Connsci claimed that the information filed in the district court and the complaint presented in the lower court were at variance. Two motions were also filed, one asking that the indictment be quashed and the other that the state be required to elect on which count of the indict-

ment it would be sought to convict.

After a lengthy argument Judge Chapman ruled against the defendants' motion. The plea entered by the prisoners yesterday had been previously withdrawn and they again arose and pleaded not guilty to the second reading of the indictment. This done, At-torney Gering, counsel for the prisoners, stated that he would submit to the trial of Hill first.

This completed the proceedings for the forencon and at 2:30 in the afternoon the examination of jurors was taken up. Made hapfd Progress.

The regular panel of two dozen jurors was soon exhausted and fifty veniremen were soon exhausted and lifty veniremen were drafted. When court adjourned at 6 o'clock in the evening and gave notice that the examination would be concluded at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning just lifty-five men had been examined. The statutes accord twelve peremptory challenges to the defense and six to the state and at the adjournment the state had exhausted all but one of its challenges, while the defense had me of its challenges, while the defense had

A knotty legal problem was evolved in the early part of the jury examination. Coun-sel for the defense claimed that when a juror possesses views prejudicial to capital punishment it is no bar to his serving on the punishment it is no bar to his serving on the jury, inasmuch as the statutes provide the punishment of imprisonment for murder in the first degree in addition to the death penalty. The question was argued at some length, but the court decided the matter by holding that such prejudicial views would be a bar to a man serving as a juror.

The examination on the whole progressed

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Hill was seen by a BEE representative this afternoon during the progress of the pro-ceedings and admitted that the telegram as printed in today's BEE from Washington, to the effect that he had served on the police force at the national capital, was true. He said that he left Washington in 1889. Further than this he refused to talk.

The officers ridicule the idea of any demonstration by a mob and fear no inter-ference in handling the prisoners.

Valparaiso's Prospects Bright. VALPARAISO, Neb., Dec. 12 .- [Special to THE BEE.]-Valparaiso has been quite fortunate in a business way this fall. Local grain dealers have been paying from 1 to 3 cents more per bushel for corn and wheat than those of adjacent towns, thus bringing a large number of farmers to this place to spend their money who would have gone to other towns. Trade has been quite brisk for the past three weeks and merchants are

The firm of Sargent & Cliff has dissolved.
Lily lodge of Pythians gave its second
annual ball and banquet Friday evening, which was a success in every way.

Quite a number of farms have changed hands in this vicinity during the past

Last spring Mr. L. Finny sold his farm, one-half mile north of town, at an advance of \$1,300 on the amount he paid for it one year before

Quashed the Indictments. O'NEILL, Dec. 12 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-Attorneys Adams, Utiey and Dickson, who were indicted by the Holt county grand jury last fall for unlawfully harboring ex-Treasurer Scott, filed a notice this afternoon to quash the indictments for the reason that the jury was illerally drawn and for other irregularities, which motion Judge Bartow sustained, and the indictments

were accordingly quashed. Barrett Scott has reconsidered his ex-pressed determination not to try to secure bail and will make another attempt next Tuesday before the district court, at which time Judge Bartow will preside.

Will Make a Test Case. HASTINGS, Dec. 12 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE |- John Weingart, a Hastings merchant, was arrested today charged with maintaining a public nuisance in the shape of a cesspool back of his store. The recent diphtheria scare has induced the Board of Health to take steps to force all such places to be put in good sanitary condition and con-nected with the city sewer system. Wein-gart neglected to do this when notified and will be prosecuted to make a test case, as the power of the Board of Health to abate nuisances is doubted by some.

Sparring Match in Chicago. CHICAGO, Dec. 12 .- At McGunn's court last night "Dutch" Neal of St. Louis, in a sparring match, knocked out Martin Burns of Butte, Mont., in the fourth round.



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Stockholders Meeting.

Office of Lez-Clarke-Andrezsen Harnware Co., Omara, Nob., Dec. 8, 1893.—Notice is hereby given to the stockholders of the Lec-Clarke-Andreesen Hardware company that he annual meeting of the stockholders of the company will be held at the offices of the said company, 1219, 1221 and 1223 Harney street, in the city of Omara, in the state of Nobraska, on Tuesday, January 9, A. D., 1894, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the company to serve during the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may be presented at such meeting.

H. J. Lez, President.

Attest: W. M. Glass, Secretary. Stockholders Meeting.